

Commander's Comments



Lt. Col. Todd Wang

I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome at the change of command on June 29th. It was an outstanding ceremony that even Mother Nature halted the rain for, but I am willing to bet it has something to do with those reservoir operation folks. After the Bosque and Border Patrol Station stories fizzle out, there will be a story made about how the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Reservoir Control sections are the real culprits for this extended drought. Seriously, I really appreciate all the

hard work that it took to pull it together. As I mentioned at the Town hall, my normal routine is walking around and popping up in offices and workstations. I've enjoyed meeting and visiting with many of you and will continue to do that and give you the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas with me.

You have heard me say that a USACE District and specifically, Albuquerque District, were both my number one choices for command. If you haven't noticed, I am delighted to be on your TEAM. With my family living in Monument, Colorado, I hope you don't get a false impression of my commitment to you and the district. What should be clear is my commitment to family and the proper balance between family and work.

If you haven't noticed, I have been present in the Albuquerque office maybe eight days since taking command. My goal is to visit all the offices in the first 90 days to include the customers and partners you support, and that includes the Ft. Wingate office. I can tell you that the district is well respected for its capabilities and dedicated work force by those we serve. You are realizing the 50th Chief of Engineers' vision of being the "go to" organization for getting things done. It's part of your history and you continue to live up to that great tradition today.

Some of you were not able to attend the town hall but there are a few points I made that I feel you should know. It is the philosophy that I live by and will expect from you. It's nothing new, but it's just how I operate and how I believe an organization should operate if it values its employees and has the desire to be a lead organization in its field of expertise.

EMPOWERMENT

- * Empower people by fostering initiative in them
- * Empower people by training and coaching them.
- * Empower people by counseling them for good and bad performance.

TEAM

- * Work as a team, one Corps, one Team.
- * Working as a team means to contribute to the team and support the team.

PRIDE

- * Take pride in what you do and how you do it.
- * Honesty is the foundation for pride.
- * Pride is not hiding mistakes, but learning from them.

Take care and thanks again for all your hard work. Please keep our fellow team members that are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and more than 100 other locations around the world in your thoughts and prayers.

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